

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE is to be held at 6.45pm on Thursday 16th July 2015, in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

161/15 Attendance Register

The Mayor, S Rowlands;

Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; J Hudson; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; C. MacRae; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medlicott; G. Maddison; B. C. Roberts; T. Rowlands; A. Wood;

Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

162/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Cllrs: D. Hancock; R.G. Waters;

163/15 Disclosure of Interest

- Members were reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of any personal interests (using the form provided for this purpose).

None were provided

164/15 Minutes

-It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the following meetings:

(a) **Policy & Finance Committee, held on the 18th June 2015**

(b) **Confidential Policy & Finance Committee, held on the 18th June 2015**

165/15 Matters arising on those Minutes

(a) Members RECEIVED an update from the Clerk with regard to the Hanging Basket columns for the Town Centre, stating that there was a delay in obtaining a part for the completion of the columns and they should be delivered either week commencing the 20th or 27th July. The company has agreed to consider a discount for the inconvenience.

(b) The Clerk informed members that the report from Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board regarding Mental Health had not been forthcoming, despite being chased. **It was RESOLVED to leave the matter for the required 28 days before taking further action.**

166/15 Correspondence

- The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and NOTED:

a) An email from OVW with regard to the forthcoming Conference in Ceredigion in October 2015 was NOTED

b) An email from Gwynedd Pensions with regard to Ill Health Retirement provision was NOTED

c) A letter and subscription request from Colwyn Bay, Abergele & District Twinning Association was APPROVED.

d) A subscription request for CVSC for 2015/16 was APPROVED.

e) A letter from Scottish Power with regard to the end of the existing fixed price tariff. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should make enquiries as to the best cost available and the task was delegated to the Clerk to action accordingly.**

f) An email from eWaterpower with an offer to provide a feasibility visit was NOTED

- g) A letter from House of Logos with a price list for a Town Council enamel lapel crest was NOTED. **It was RESOLVED to make enquiries regarding past consort medals.**

167/15 **Notice of Motion**

A Notice of motion from Cllr Bird with regard to Defibrulators in the Town was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED by members. Members considered the provision of the Defibrulators in the following locations

- Market Street
- Dundonald Ave
- Pensarn

Members commented that the presentation by Lisa Jeffers at the last meeting was very valuable and NOTED that Abergele First Responders were also in the process of raising funds. It was AGREED in principal to fund and supply the machines in the locations above and that a small working group is set up to consider the exact locations of the devices, and if a designated power supply would be required, which would cost around £480 per device. It was further suggested that the machines could be located in the Schools and that the annual grant given to the schools could partially fund the provision of the device. Members who AGREED to be part of the working group are as follows: The Mayor Cllr Sam Rowlands, Cllr Bird, Cllr Hunter, Cllr C MacRae, Cllr Wood, Cllr B Roberts and Cllr Jones Roberts.

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 and with Standing Order no.68, it was RESOLVED that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

168/15 **Quotations for consideration**

- (a) An update with regard to the raised bed planter at threeways Abergele, DEFERRED from the last meeting to reconsider was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. **It was RESOLVED to approve the cost received from Meirion Jones Landscapes for the 12x12x12 planter plus planting and maintenance for the forthcoming year.**
- (b) To receive quotations for the external wall of the Council chamber to be re-rendered as the plaster is crumbling off the wall. **It was RESOLVED to obtain an additional quote for comparison and devolved to the Clerk to proceed with the lowest quote received.**

- 169/15 A letter from the Town Council's solicitor and an update from the Clerk was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and NOTED on the Confidential Minutes herewith.

170/15 **The Financial Situation as at today was NOTED:-**

Current Account	18137.77
Monthly Interest Account	87423.01
General Reserve	<u>51957.60</u>
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>£157,518.38</u>

Hall & Development Account	<u>£58141.81</u>
Regeneration Reserve	<u>£272.46</u>

171/15 **Payment of Accounts**

The payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached of £17,889.31 was APPROVED.

172/15 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- (a) Newsletter Sub Committee held on the 15th June 2015

173/15 **Letters of thanks**

The following letters of thanks were RECEIVED.

- (a) Cymdeithas Emrys ap Iwan
- (b) Abergele Garden Society
- (c) Abergele District Flower Club

Meeting closed at 7.25pm

Signed
(Chairman)

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SCHEDULE 'A'

Payments to be authorised as at 16th July 2015

		Chq No:	Total £	Incl. VAT £	Notes / Statutory Powers (new or unusual payments)
1	Salaries	DD	£3,221.60		monthly salaries
2	CCBC	DD	£723.00		NNDR Charges
3	Scottish Power	DD	£38.00		monthly charge
4	Bank Charges	DD			
5	BT Phone	DD			Quarterly charge
6	HMRC	DD	£925.76		monthly salaries
7	Cllr M Bond	000196	£100.00		replacement cheque
8	St. Michael's Clock	000197	£300.00		Annual donation
9	Gwynedd Pension	000198	£1,031.13		monthly payment
10	Clerical Medical	000199	£40.00		monthly payment
11	Cathedral Leasing	000200	£13.00	£2.17	monthly charge
12	Petty Cash	000201	£50.50	5.83	June Claim
13	Canon	000202	£82.52	13.75	Copy charges
14	CCBC x 2	000203	£165.00		Election charges
15	Computer World	000204	£466.80	£77.80	New printer & installation
16	NWN Media x3	000205	£1,070.19	£38.80	Newsletter & Distribution
17	Staples x 2	000206	£346.90	£47.31	Filing cabinet
18	WNW x5	000207	£168.51	£28.09	Stationery
19	Meirion Jones x 2	000208	£3,468.00	£578.00	Pensam Planter & Town Hall Display
20	Racecraft	000209	£78.00	£13.00	Signwriting/ Mayor's board
21	C J Wright Property Services	000210	£60.00		Grass cutting
22	John Ffrancon Griffiths	000211	£54.00		Translation Services
23	Mr H Jones	000212	£12.15		June Mileage
24	Mrs L Whalley	000213	£20.25		June Mileage
25	Underhill & Sharp	000214	£864.00	£144.00	Tree Surgery
26	CB A D T A	000215	£12.00		Subscription + bbq @ 10 tbc
27	CVSC	000216	£15.00		Subscription
28	NWN Media	000217	£36.00	£6.00	advert
29	Ross David Design	000218	£45.00		E-mail hosting services
30	NAMWALC	000219	£30.00		
31	AJBC x 2	000220	£4,452.00		Precept & Hearse House Rental
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Total Payments		26	£17,889.31	954.75	

** Under the Local Government Act 1972, Sect. 137 & 139, the Council can incur expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interest of the area or it's inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.